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SUBSTANCES FOR DETECTION OF CELL  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.